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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 30TH UNGA

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1. PAK GI PIL,CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF NORTH KOREAN
EMBASSY IN OSLO, CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION CHIEF NYHEIM 24 JULY TO ADVISE
MINISTRY OF NORTH KOREA'S VEHEMENT OPPOSITION TO "US
DRAFT RESOLUTION", AND BOASTED THAT NORTH KOREA HAS
MAJORITY IN UNGA FOR TOTAL ABOLITION OF UN COMMAND
AND WITHDRAWAL OF ALL US FORCES IN SOUTH KOREA.

2. SUBSTANCE OF NORTH KOREAN DEMARCHE RECOUNTED TO EMBOFF BY
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NYHEIM JULY 30. NYHEIM REMINDED NORTH KOREAN CHARGE THAT NORWAY

HAD SUPPORTED US POSITION ON KOREA AT 29TH UNGA AND INFORMED HIM THAT NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT OPPOSED ABOLISHING UN COMMAND IN ABSENCE OF SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS THAT WOULD GUARANTEE PEACE AND SECURITY OF REGION CONCERNED. NYHEIM ALSO ADVISED NORTH KOREAN THAT IT WAS OF NO INTEREST TO NORWAY THAT NORTH KOREA COULD MUSTER MAJORITY IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SINCE THIS WAS SECURITY COUNCIL QUESTION AND NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT FIRMLY ADHERED TO VIEWPOINT THAT THIS ISSUE SHOULD ONLY BE DISCUSSED IN SECURITY COUNCIL FORUM. NYHEIM ADDED THAT,ALTHOUGH NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT HAD NOT YET DECIDED WHAT POSITION TO TAKE ON SO-CALLED US RESOLUTION ON KOREA, THEY DID FIND IT TO BE "A MOST REASONABLE DOCUMENT."

3. NYHEIM HAS HAD LONG EXPERIENCE WITH BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREAN DIPLOMATS IN OSLO BEFORE TAKING OVER UN JOB FROM TOM VRAALSEN IN JULY AS FORMER DIVISION CHIEF FOR ASIAN,AFRICAN AND LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS. HE CONFIDED TO EMBOFF THAT HE CONTINUES TO BE AMUSED,MILDLY IRRITATED AND ALWAYS BORED AT UNSUBTLE, HEAVY-HANDED NORTH KOREAN DEMARCHES CONDUCTED IN BROKEN, OFTEN UNINTELLIGIBLE ENGLISH.

4. OUR ASSESSMENT OF LIKELY NORWEGIAN POSITION REMAINS AS STATED IN REFTEL.
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